MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN Sir, may I know whether the answers were prepared before the demand for the Department was presented to the Assembly or after?

MR. E. G. SALTER Before, Sir.

Extension of the term of the Legislature.

372. ✻ MR. K. G. GOVINDAN (*Pattanamthitta*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware of certain announcements in local newspapers sometime back, regarding strong rumours of further extension of the term of both the Houses of Legislature;

(*b*) whether those rumours are true; and

(*c*) if there were no such rumours, whether Government have refuted the newspaper announcement?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Government's attention has been drawn to some such announcement.

(*b*) Government have arrived at no final decision.

(*c*) No

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR (*Karunagapalli* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know whether any honourable member of this House or of the upper House has applied to Government for extension of the term of the Legislature?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR. No, Sir.

MR. KAINIKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Changanacherry* cum *Peermade*): Is there any provision for such an application?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: No, Sir.

Water-logging in Alahappapuram Village.

373. ✻MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Tovala* cum *Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is a proposal to construct a kal for diverting the course of water;

(*b*) whether any house has or houses have to be removed for the purpose of constructing the kal;

(*c*) whether Government received any petition from the people of the village protesting against the possible destruction of houses;

(*d*) if the answer to (c) is in the affirmative, whether the petition was inquired into; and

(*e*) whether the Director of Public Health had visited the locality soon after Government received the petition referred to in (*c*)?

MR. J. W. CHACKO: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) No.

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